

DDS Legislative Update – March 21, 2012

Update on the PCA Bill and DDS Bills at the Halfway Point in the 2012 Legislative Session

Labor and Public Employees Committee Does Not Vote on H.B. No. 5433 - An Act Creating a Procedure for Personal Care Attendants to Collectively Bargain with the State.

On Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the **Labor and Public Employees Committee** had [H.B. No. 5433 - An Act Creating a Procedure for Personal Care Attendants to Collectively Bargain with the State](#) on its agenda for action. H.B. No. 5433 was not voted on by the committee by 5:00 p.m. and, because it was the Labor Committee's Joint Favorable (JF) deadline, the bill died in the committee. The bill had proposed Joint Favorable Substitute (JFS) language which would have amended the provisions of the bill. Although H.B. No. 5433 has died, because the bill has had a public hearing, the bill's provisions may be amended to other bills during the legislative session. Below is a link to the proposed JFS language for the bill.

[Labor and Public Employee Committee's JFS Language for H.B. No. 5433](#)

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[S.B. No. 205](#) - **An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for the Birth-To-Three Program** would amend sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a concerning health insurance coverage for birth-to-three programs to allow the state to establish a new baseline of state and local expenditures for early intervention services in the next federal fiscal year pursuant to federal regulations. **The Insurance and Real Estate Committee has voted to JFS S.B. No. 205 to the Senate. The bill is being drafted as a File Copy that will include a bill summary written by the Office of Legislative Research (OLR) and a fiscal note drafted by the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA). The Senate will take further action once the File Copy of the bill is available.**

[H.B. No. 5105](#) - **An Act Concerning the Job Expansion Tax Credit Program and Individuals Receiving Certain Services from the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Services** would allow employers that hire individuals receiving employment services through the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Services to qualify for the job expansion tax credit program. **After being voted out of the Commerce and Public Health Committees, H.B. No. 5105 is awaiting action in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee's JF deadline is Thursday, April 5, 2012.**

[H.B. No. 5367](#) - **An Act Concerning Competency to Stand Trial** would: (1) Allow the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Correction to

coordinate the custody and treatment of a defendant who presents a significant security, safety or medical risk, and (2) allow a court to receive notice if a defendant is released from commitment to the Commissioner of Developmental Services prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations for the crime with which the defendant was charged.

H.B. No. 5367 is currently awaiting action in the Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee's JF deadline is Monday, April 2, 2012.